

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 13, 2005. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 11 and 15 to 21 are in the application, with Claims 2, 4, 6 to 9 and 12 to 14 having been canceled, and new Claims 15 to 21 having been added. Claims 1, 10, 16, 20 and 21 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 12 and 14 were objected to for informalities. Claims 12 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and Claim 11 has been amended. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 to 7, 9, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Amendments to the claims are believed to render the rejections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,320,671 (Kelley). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention is directed to printing of selected data. In particular, a printing condition selection list is created on the basis of a recommended printing condition list received from another apparatus connected through a network and acquired information of printers. A printer is instructed to print the selected data on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with the printing condition selection list. In this way, printing conditions used by, for example, a client computer can be conveniently based on recommended printing conditions obtained from, for example, a server computer over a network.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 defines an information processing apparatus comprising selection means for selecting data to be printed, and reception means for receiving a recommended printing condition list transmitted from another apparatus connected through a network. The apparatus also comprises storage means for storing a function expansion program for the browser. The function expansion program includes acquisition means for acquiring information of printers, list creation means for creating a printing condition selection list on the basis of the recommended printing condition list and the information of printers, and instruction means for instructing a printer to print the selected data to be printed on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with the printing condition selection list.

The applied reference is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claim 1, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of creating a printing condition selection list on the basis of a recommended printing condition list transmitted from another apparatus and the information of printers, and instructing a printer to print selected data to be printed on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with the printing condition selection list.

Kelley is seen to disclose web browser printing of documents. Specifically, multiple web documents are selected and the names of the selected documents are stored in a list, along with the name of a printer where the documents are to be printed. (column 3, lines 38 to 44 of Kelley). The list of web documents can be automatically scheduled for printing. (column 3, lines 58 to 60).

However, Kelley's printing of lists of selected web documents is not seen to disclose or to suggest instructing a printer to print selected data to be printed on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with a printing condition selection list, much less

disclose or suggest creating a printing condition selection list on the basis of a recommended printing condition list transmitted from another apparatus and the information of printers, and instructing a printer to print selected data to be printed on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with the printing condition selection list. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Independent Claims 10, 16, 20 and 21 included, *inter alia*, features that generally correspond to the features of creating a printing condition selection list on the basis of a recommended printing condition list transmitted from another apparatus and the information of printers, and instructing a printer to print selected data to be printed on the basis of data that is input by a user in accordance with the printing condition selection list. Accordingly, independent Claims 10, 16, 20 and 21 are believed to be allowable for reasons similar to the reasons discussed above.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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